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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJ: PROMINENT JAPANESE BUSINESSMAN KIDNAPPED IN SAN SALVADOR

1. FUJIO MATSUMOTO, PRESIDENT OF SYNTHETIC INDUSTRIES OF
CENTRAL AMERICA (INSINCA) WAS KIDNAPPED WHEN LEAVING HIS OFFICE
IN DOWNTOWN SAN SALVADOR AT APPROXIMATELY 7 P.M. MAY 17.
MATSUMOTO, A JAPANESE CITIZEN WHO HAS BEEN IN EL SALVADOR
AS PRESIDENT OF INSINCA (JAPANESE/GOES OWNED TEXTILE FIRM)
SINCE 1975, IS THE FIRST NON-SALVADORAN KIDNAP VICTIM. POLICE
REPORTS INDICATE THAT FIVE MEN ARMED WITH MACHINE GUNS
SURROUNDED MATSUMOTO'S CAR, FORCED THE DRIVER OUT, FIRED
SEVERAL BURSTS OF MACHINE GUN ROUNDS INTO INSINCA OFFICE
BUILDING AND FLED IN MATSUMOTO'S MERCEDES. THE CAR WAS
FOUND ABANDONED BY POLICE SEVERAL HOURS LATER.

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VICE-PRESIDENT OF INSINCA IS FELIX SALVADOR CASTILLO
MAYORGA, PROMINENT LAWYER WHO IS ALSO SERVING AS
PRIVATE SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT CARLOS HUMBERTO ROMERO.

2. FIRST SECRETARY OF JAPANESE EMBASSY TOLD EMBOFF
MORNING MAY 18 THAT PRESIDENT ROMERO HAD SENT GENERAL
ALVARENGA (HEAD OF NATIONAL GUARD) AND COL. LOPEZ (HEAD OF

NATIONAL POLICE) TO HIS HOME SHORTLY AFTER KIDNAPPING TO GIVE ALL ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE. THEY STATED THAT SECURITY FORCES HAD CLOSED ALL EXITS TO CITY AND WERE EXAMINING ABANDONED CAR OF MATSUMOTO FOR CLUES. JAPANESE FIRST SECRETARY SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO CONTACT FROM KIDNAPPERS AS OF NOON, MAY 18. HE STATED THAT POSITION OF HIS GOVERNMENT WAS THAT PRIMARY GOAL AND OBJECTIVE OF GOJ WAS SAFE RETURN OF MATSUMOTO AND THAT HE HAD CONVEYED THIS MESSAGE TO GOES.

3. COMMENT. KIDNAPPING OF JAPANESE BUSINESS MAN (JAPAN SECOND ONLY TO U.S. IN INVESTMENTS IN EL SALVADOR), FOLLOWING STILL UNRESOLVED KIDNAPPINGS OF ERNESTO SOL MEZ AND LUIS MENDEZ NOVOA (SEE SAN SALVADOR 2367) AND REOCCUPATION OF RED CROSS HEADQUARTERS (SEE SAN SALVADOR 2462), IS PLACING TREMENDOUS PRESSURE ON ROMERO GOVERNMENT AND RAPIDLY MOUNTING TENSIONS AND FEAR ARE EVIDENT THROUGHOUT SAN SALVADOR. ALL GOES SECURITY FORCES HAVE BEEN PUT ON STATE OF ALERT.
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